

No News is Good News

The Gilwell Gazette

Today: is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday

Day 3 Sunday March 24, 2013

Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell 1857-1941 Chief Scout of the World

He is known to this day around the world as B-P. During his 83 years, he devoted himself to the service of his country and his fellow man. This soldier, famous for fighting for his country, would become a worker for peace through the brotherhood of the world scouting movement. Robert Stephenson Smith Baden-Powell was born in London, England, February 22, 1857.

He was the eighth child of the family of ten children of the Revered Baden Powell, a professor at Oxford University. He would be only three years old when his father died. The family was very poor after the death of his father and he received his education when he gained a scholarship to Charterhouse School in London.

As a youth he was eager to learn new skills. He played the piano and the fiddle, he acted, he practiced manual endeavors such as bricklaying, and he began his interest in the arts of woodcraft. He joined the army and was commissioned straight into the 13th Hussars. He distinguished himself with service in Africa, India, and Malta. He worked his way up the line of command and by age 43 he became a Major-General.

He wrote a book Aids to Scouting to help train youth for responsible jobs for the army. By the time he returned to England in 1903 he found that his book was being used by youth

leaders and teachers all over the country. In 1907 he held an experimental youth camp at Brownsea Island in Dorset.

Scouting was established with the enjoyment for these first camping youth! In 1908 B-P had to set up an office to deal with the large number of inquiries which were pouring in concerning the movement. Some inquiries were even being received from girls! He retired from the army in 1910 on the advice of King Edward VII who suggested that B-P would provide a more valuable service to his country by working with the scouting movement than he could ever hope to do as a soldier.

In 1912 he married Olave Soames. She would be the mother of their three children and would become involved in the Girl Guide/Scout movement, becoming the World Chief Guide. It was in 1920 that B-P had become the World Chief Scout, and at the 3rd World Jamboree in 1929, it was announced that he had become a Lord. He took the honor of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, Gilwell Park being the International Training Center. In 1938, suffering from ill health, he returned to Africa to live in Nyeri, Kenya. He died January 8, 1941. His headstone reads: "Robert Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the World." The circular engraving in the middle of the stone is a scouting symbol meaning "Trails end, I have gone home."

HEARTH

By Mark Larson, Course Director S7-602-12-1

As an architect, words that describe buildings have special meaning to me. One of my favorites is "hearth." Hearth is a metaphor for home but most commonly described as the masonry which supports and contains a fire. It could also be the bottom part of a metal foundry or the cleared area around a campfire. Hearths were first created for their utility – a place to cook and get warm. Their use evolved into a place of fellowship. The word serves as a metaphor for our responsibilities in Scouting:

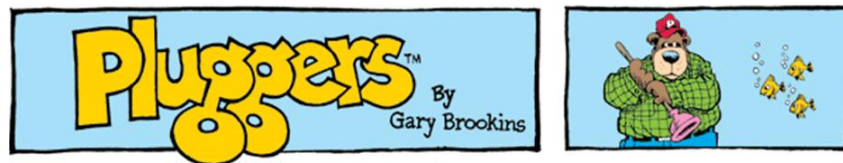
- As leaders, we are that solid base that supports and guides the Scouting spirit. We allow the Scouting "fire" to grow but provide limits to keep things safe.
- The masonry used in a hearth is specially tempered to resist great heat. The training you will get at Wood Badge will temper you to for the trials of being a leader.
- A foundry's hearth is a place where the molten metal is collected and shaped. Through Scouting, we help shape young people so they can make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes.
- In the home, a hearth is only one small part of any house. Your Scouting involvement should support the families in the program. However, never let your involvement become so large that it consumes your own family life.

During the two weekends of Wood Badge, you have seen many types of fires. Be warmed by the heat, be fascinated by the glowing embers, and enjoy the fellowship around the hearth.



Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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The Wood Badge Ticket

One of the great traditions of Wood Badge is the ticket. In Baden-Powell's day, those in the military were expected to pay their own way back to England at the end of their service. In order to economize, soldiers nearing completion of their duties would seek assignments at posts increasingly closer to home — a process known as "working your ticket."

Back To Gilwell—Part II

S7-602-13 continues April 20, 2013

Drive safely!

Day 3.5 Gilwell Gazette

Patrols will receive an interim Gazette electronically about half-way through the break between the two weekends. Please submit an article (up to one full page) with a patrol progress update no later than April 8. Please e-mail it to the troop scribe at:

pilgrim1410@verizon.net

Day 4 Gilwell Gazette

Patrols should submit articles or photos for the Day 4 Gilwell Gazette by e-mail to the troop scribe at pilgrim1410@verizon.net no later than April 15.

PROGRAM PATROL: Beaver SERVICE PATROL: Fox

DAY 3 SCHEDULE

- 7:00 AM Breakfast and Patrol Self-Assessment
- 8:00 AM Gilwell Field Assembly
- 8:30 AM Interfaith Worship Service (Troop Activity)
- 9:20 AM Break
- 9:30 AM Troop Meeting
- 10:50 AM Break
- 11:00 AM Leading EDGE / Teaching EDGE
- 12:00 PM Lunch / PLC / Chaplain Aides' Meeting
- 1:30 PM Conservation Project Planning
- 2:20 PM Break
- 2:30 PM *October Sky* (Troop Activity)
- 4:30 PM Closing Gilwell Field Assembly
- 5:00 PM Patrol Meeting
- 6:00 PM Depart

Day 2 of S7-602-13 Focuses on Teamwork and Projects

March 23 may have been Saturday in other parts of the world but at Gilwell it was Team Day! The primary focus of day two at S7-602-13 was all about teams, teambuilding, and teamwork. These areas were highlighted repeatedly throughout the day in activities, presentations, and even games.

One such game was Zulu Toss. The object: keep one brightly colored ball per person in the air by tossing them between team members. Sounds easy enough but the execution proved otherwise. Patrols quickly learned they would need all of their members focused and involved if they were to have any chance at reaching their goal.

Next came the Front End Alignment game (aka: Candy Toss). This appeared to be a simple game but alas it contained a hidden purpose. During this game patrols learned about the impact different styles of leadership can have on a team.

The games were soon followed but presentations on Diversity and Inclusiveness, The Stages of Team Development, and Project Planning. Though covering different concepts, the lessons from all three of these presentations work together to help participants understand how to create, grow, and utilize a team to it's fullest potential.

Then it was time to put some of this new-found knowledge to the test by building model water rockets as a team.

This effort required each patrol to come up with a vision for their rocket, determine a plan for how it would be built, identify the strengths each patrol member brought to the group and how to best utilize those talents, and the ability to make this all happen within a limited time-frame.

Each patrol approached the task in a slightly different manner, but in each case the one that was best suited to their team. The clock ticked away and soon water rockets began to emerge from what had only shortly before been soda bottles and craft supplies. Shortly afterwards completed rockets began to appear on the staging table.

Now came the time for each patrol to face the judges and launch their creation into the wild blue yonder. One after another, the patrols brought forth their rockets, added the "fuel", placed their rocket on the launch pad and pulled the launch cord to send it skyward. Every patrol's rocket flew though some in unexpected ways. Afterward, just as any high performing team would do, each patrol gathered together for debriefing period to determine how their "project" had turned out.

The sun began to sink towards the horizon, but the 2nd day of S7-602-13 was just hitting it's stride. Each patrol's team building knowledge was thus complete, but many more Wood Badge adventures lay in wait for S7-602-13.

Thanks For The Fabulous Food Grubmasters!



Head Chef Ed Beach and his amazing kitchen staff



Ticket Key Concepts

1. Your ticket will include five significant goals.
2. The goals will be written in support of your current Scouting responsibilities and should be designed to provide maximum positive impact for youth membership.
3. At least one of the five goals will incorporate some aspect of diversity.
4. If you wish, one goal of the five goals may involve developing and applying a self-assessment tool to measure your progress and effectiveness in relation to the other goals on your ticket.
5. The goals written should follow the SMART principles.
6. For each goal, you will indicate: who, what, where, when, why, and how measured.
7. Your Troop Guide will help you to prepare your ticket and will approve it when it is completed.
8. You will have a ticket counselor assigned to you.
9. The five goals of the ticket must be completed within 18 months.

When you and your counselor have agreed that you have fulfilled all the items on your ticket, you will receive your Wood Badge certificate, beads, neckerchief, and woggle.

A Wood Badge Ticket Is:

- A Commitment.
- A vision of personal improvement.
- A vision of how the Scouter will lead.
- A series of goals.

Specific
Measurable
Attainable
Relevant
Time-based

Your Ticket should be Guided by:

- Your Personal Values.
- Your Personal Mission.
- Your Personal Vision.

On Forgiveness

by Al Best, Course Director S7-602-11-1

The Game of Life is truly fascinating. In the game, people may behave in much the same way that people do in real life. Some are honest. Some cheat. Some start out the right way but change, or are changed by others. Some carry a grudge. Some plot and plan to get even. Tempers are aroused and feelings hurt when people are betrayed. All of us carry these potentials around with us, and all of us are sometimes guilty of acting on them. We're not perfect.

When I was a Scout, my Scout Handbook said: "A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor to do so, he may be directed to hand over his scout badge." One failure and I could lose my Scout badge! Baden-Powell said "nothing on earth is an excuse for unfaithfulness." Trust remains an important cornerstone of relationships, and not only in Scouting.

However, we are none of us perfect. As a Scout leader I certainly make my share of mistakes. As a Scout my list of failings was even longer. How do we reconcile our high standards with our human failings? Our spiritual traditions call us to show mercy, to act with grace, and to forgive. For me, I strive to take at face value the pledge by my fellow Scouters and Scouts to "On my honor, I'll do my best..." In my personal life I try to act on the belief that everyone is doing their best.

My advice is, start there: everyone is doing their best. In my experience, here is what you'll find. You won't carry the poison of anger in your heart as you hold a grudge within you. You'll realize that this calls you to not even ask whether someone "deserves" forgiveness; we all do. You'll purge the sickly virus of seeking power thru scheming, self-promotion, and fear; instead you'll find the inexhaustible mutual impetus to serve.

All grievances are funda-

mentally an argument with divine creation. If you believe that there is a power that made things the way they are, then when you are mad at anything, you are mad at God. Carry this millstone as long as you must. Pile on all your petty, middling, and major complaints. As you rail on against the way things are, I suggest that you consider that there is an alternative to thinking that God is wrong. That choice is to believe that you have been called to be open to the opportunities in front of you, to continue to learn, to contribute. Again, this guides you to growth and to service.

The youth we serve need to see examples of forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Many of them need to be taught this path (I did!). We can accelerate this by also practicing gratefulness. When you become grateful for all things, then you'll no longer need to take pride in your wounds as a defense. When defeats, downturns and misfortunes are forgiven then they only add to

your alertness, strength, and responsibility.

And we will see setbacks. We will encounter the seriously misguided, or tragically deluded, and even painfully evil. Here is where your alertness, strength, and responsibility will be put to good use. Paul Petzolt (the founder of NOLS) said: "A leader is someone who walks toward trouble." Forgiveness is this curious paradox of accepting everything just as it is, while working tirelessly for a complete upheaval of cynicism. I've found that forgiveness gives permission to change (even oneself).

A quote I like—especially the last line):

"The young need old men. They need men who are not ashamed of age, not pathetic imitation of themselves. ... Parents are the bones on which children sharpen their teeth."

Peter Ustinov

"UBUNTO" In the Xhosa culture means: "I am because we are".



An anthropologist proposed a game to the kids in an African tribe. He put a basket full of fruit near a tree and told the kids that who ever got there first won the sweet fruits. When he told them to run, they all took each others' hands and ran together, then sat together enjoying their treats. When he asked them why they had run like that—as one could have had all the fruits for himself they said: "UBUNTU, how can one be happy if all the other ones are sad?"

Attention All Wood Badgers

An offering will be taken at the Interfaith Worship Service
March 24 and April 22
for the benefit of the World Friendship Fund.
Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated.

The World Friendship Fund

Through the World Friendship Fund, voluntary contributions of Scouts and leaders are transformed into cooperative projects that help Scouting associations in other countries to strengthen and extend their Scouting programs. The World Friendship Fund gives the youth members of the Boy Scouts of America an opportunity to help fellow Scouts who are in need of their support. It teaches Scouts that Scouting is global. Since the inception of the World Friendship Fund, American Scouts and leaders have voluntarily donated more than \$11 million to these self-help activities.

The Kudu Horn and Scouting

As a Colonel in Africa in 1896, the Kudu Horn was first identified by Lord Baden-Powell as he and his men were on a raid down the Shangani River, and were puzzled at how quickly alarm was spread among the Matabele warriors. They later found that the Matabele were using a war horn of tremendous sound-carrying power. A code existed, and as soon as the enemy was sighted the alarm would be sounded. This war horn turned out to be the Kudu Horn.

The Kudu Horn has long been a symbol of Scouting and of Wood Badge. In fact, the Kudu Horn was used to summon the very first scouts at Brownsea Island in 1907.

The Kudu Horn resurfaced thirteen years later in 1920, when it was used in training courses. The horn that heralded the birth of Scouting now summons Scouters from all parts of the world to do better than they have ever done before. The Kudu Horn is used in all U.S. Wood Badge Courses.

